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Today's Topics:

 2m mobile, which one?
 ANARTS RTTY NEWS BULLETIN 793 23/01/94

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herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official
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Subject: 2m mobile, which one?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I am looking for a 2m mobile unit, at least 45-50 watts. Any suggestions as to
brands and features needed would be appreciated.

Thanks,
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KE4AXW

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To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

[ANARTS - Australian National Amateur Radio Teletype Society]

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SUNDAY TRANSMISSION SCHEDULES.

3.545 mhz	0930 utc	VK2BQS (Jim)
7.045 mhz -3	0030 utc	VK2CTD (COL)
14.070 mhz (amtor/fec)	0030 utc	VK2DPM (ALAN)
14.091 mhz	0030 utc	VK2BQS (JIM)
146.675 mhz	0030/0930 utc	VK2JPA (PAT)
144.850 mhz (ax25 bbs)		VK2JPA AT VK2RWI
146.675 mhz (rtty mmbbs/repeater)		VK2RTY

Views expressed in this news bulletin are not necessarily those of the Broadcast Officer, the Relay Officers, or of the Society.

Local news for VK2 WIA members

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As a result of a meeting of concerned members of the WIA which was held in Sydney recently, a committee has been formed to encourage independent candidates to seek election to the Council of the NSW Division of the WIA at the forthcoming Council elections.

The committee consists of Peter Naish VK2BPN, Bob Mayer VK2BMU, John Brooke VK2FUR, Alan Dark VK2XAT, Roger Henley VK2ZIG. No member of the committee will stand as a candidate.

The committee can be contacted at PO Box 372 West Ryde NSW 2114.

Guidelines for the preparation of programs for transmission by

Amateur Radio Teletype

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from Frank VK2FJL

part 2.

(2) UNSHIFT-ON-SPACE.

Some RTTY machines and most computers automatically change from (FIGS) to (LTRS) every time a (space) is received. To defeat this feature when text containing both spaces and

figures is being prepared : e.g. Satellite predictions, it is necessary to insert a (FIGS) immediately before each upper case character which follows a (space).

(3) PARAGRAPHS.

Commence each paragraph with an extra (CR)(LF) - i.e. double spacing - and type four spaces plus a (LTRS) or (FIGS) before commencing the text.

(4) HEADINGS.

Un-numbered headings should commence at the lefthand margin and be underlined using the hyphen on the next line, with double spacing both above and below the underlined heading.

(5) PUNCTUATION.

Your layout will look neater and text be more readable if the following suggestions are used.

(A) FULL STOP - This follows directly behind the previous letter, but allow two spaces after each full stop. This may later be expanded or contracted to fill the line to the right-hand margin.

(B) COMMA - This also follows directly behind the previous letter, but with only one space to follow.

(C) HYPHEN - When used to punctuate a sentence - type (SPACE)(FIGS)(HYPHEN)(LTRS)(SPACE) and resume the text. This can later be expanded to two spaces on either side if required for line fill.

(D) QUESTION MARK - This looks better when preceeded by a space and followed by two spaces. Like the full stop, This may be expanded or contracted for line fill.

(E) COLON - Also provides clearer text when preceeded and followed by at least one space.

(6) TABOO'S.

The use of the following characters should be avoided as different keyboards will them as print different things : semi-colon, equals, percent, dollar sign, pound sign, plus, ampersand, quotes, maltese cross, exclamation mark and the bell.

The question mark, colon, hyphen and apostrophe also differ on some keyboards, but as their use cannot be restricted entirely, it is obviously impossible to please all of the people all of the time.

more next week

IPS weekly report

14 January - 20 January 1994

Issue no.: 03

Date of issue: 21 January 1994

Date	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
10cm	90	96	100	105	101	103	105
A	18	18	14	23	21	21	(10 estimated)
T	63	42	11	41	59	25	29

Summary of activity

Solar activity was very low 14th-15th January, and 17th-20th. Activity was high on 16th with an M6 flare.

The geomagnetic field at Learmonth (WA) ranged from unsettled to unsettled to active with a minor storm period during local night on 19th.

Ionospheric F2 critical frequencies at Sydney were slightly above predicted values on 14th and 18th, near normal most of 15th, 17th and 20th, and slightly below on part of 15th, and 19th. Sporadic E blanketing was often present from 15th - 18th January.

Comment:

Sporadic E was often observed this week. HF conditions may have been degraded due to mild geomagnetic activity which has more or less persisted since January 11th. The source of this enhanced geomagnetic activity is thought to be a broad south polar coronal hole.

IPS Monthly predicted smooth T-indices

Year	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
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1994		34	33	33	34	31	29	27	24	22	21	19
1995	19	18	17	16	15	14	14	13	12	11	11	10
1996	10	9	9	8	8	7	8	8	9	10	11	12
1997	13	14	16	18	20	22	25	28	32	35	40	46

Forecast for the next week (21 - 27 January)

Solar : Low, chance for isolated low level M class flare.

Geomagnetic: Mostly unsettled with active period expected during January 22-23 and January 27-29 (coronal holes).

Ionospheric: Propagation conditions are expected to be fair, with degradations expected on January 22, 23 and 27 to 29.

Courtesy of IPS Radio and Space Services

VK2SG RTTY DX NOTES 14 JAN 94

VK2SG RTTY DXNOTES FOR WEEKENDING 14 JAN 1994 (BID RTDX0114)

OUR INFORMATION THIS WEEK CAME FROM: 9X5LJ, DJ3IW AND THE CENTRAL-EUROPE DX CLUSTER NODE DB0SPC, I5FLN, IK5AAX AND THE IK5PWJ PACKET CLUSTER, W2JGR AND THE NJ0M NODE THE TWIN-CITIES DX PACKET CLUSTER, WA1MPB, WA4MCZ, W5KSI, WX5L AND ZS5S.

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE.

BANDPASS

FRIDAY 7

0912-14080	5W1KT	0942-14086	S53AX
1208-21084	VK6HD	1235-14091	VK4FRT
1327-21091	FG5FI	1335-21082	4U1ITU
1346-21085	4X6U0	1354-21090	OD5PL
1545-21085	C6A/AA5AU	1607-21088	VP5/WA0VQR

SATURDAY 8

0336- 7080	VP5/WA0VQR	0942-14088	K5KWG/ZA
1109-14084	UX0KC	1159-14083	US8AR
1252-21091	OD5PL QSL HB9CRV	1338-21090	5R8DS
1341-21087	4X6U0	1423-14082	YL2GD
1425-14089	OK1AJN	1518-14090	LY1BZB
1630-14088	J28JJ	1803- 7040	UR0HQ
1810- 7040	UN5PR	1815- 7041	4X/OK1FGC
1819- 7035	S520R	1821- 3590	YL1ZR

1823-14084	WH6I	1832- 7039	4Z85TA
1834-28082	PJ2MI	1838-28084	A22MN
1841-28082	HP2CWB	1845-28077	HH2PK
1859- 7041	RZ1AWT	1908- 7033	TA2FT
1910- 7032	SV1ATS	2123-14101	C6A/AAAU
2127- 7038	CN8NP	2134-21078	PJ0/N9FTC
2155-14076	A22MN	2206- 3578	SV2BFN
2215- 7035	VK6HD	2217- 7038	UZ9CWA
2241-21093	KP2N	2309- 7037	HH2PK

SUNDAY 9

0012-14086	VP5/WA0VQR	0150- 7075	UR0HQ
0234- 7087	S57MM	0234- 3590	C6A/AA5AU
0341- 3601	HP1XBH	0521- 7078	8P6AW
0637-14082	UU2JI	0657-21084	UN5PR
0705-14083	UX0FF	0900-14083	BZ1QL
0902-21086	HL9FC	0941-14086	VK7YP
1053-21086	CU1AC	1055-21091	UR5LBX
1101-21081	A45ZX	1107-21078	UR0HQ
1115-14087	KP2N	1142-28082	V50CM
1201-21081	S57MM	1241-21082	J28JJ
1252-21084	9K2IC	1329-21098	GU4RWP
1331-21085	PJ2MI	1335-21088	A22MN
1351-21095	SV2BFN	1352-21082	4Z85TA
1356-21083	HH2PK	1406-21098	HP1XBH
1414-21102	HP1AC	1453-21075	C6A/AA5AU
1454-21082	XE1/DJ60V	1600-21093	GI0KOW
2148- 7039	VK6HD	2325-14092	HS0A

MONDAY 10

TYPICAL REPORT "THE DAY AFTER CONTEST"

1349-14084	LY2ZZ	1720-14086	VP5/WA0VQR
1751-21088	PJ0/N9FTC		

TUESDAY 11

1345-14088	RW6XW	1434-14084	UX0KC UKRAINE
1440-14085	GI0AIQ	1452-14087	UT5RP
1556-21084	VQ9WL	1626-21090	5R8DS
1652-21086	PJ2MI		

WEDNESDAY 12

0109-14086	S92ZM	1053-14085	LY2BBF
1142-28082	U50CM	1303-14083	VQ9TS

1308-14083 A45XC 1638-21088 S53J
1706-21083 5R8LD 1909-14084 TZ6FIC
1913-14084 P4/W1EKT

THURSDAY 13

WWV A= 23 K= 3 2153-14088 V50PV

NOTES OF INTEREST.

SAINT PETER / SAINT PAUL, PY0. THE THREE WEEK DXPEDITION THAT WAS TO TAKE PLACE 10 JANUARY, WILL BE DELAYED UNTIL 20 JANUARY AND WILL BE FOR TWO WEEKS. QSL RTTY CONTACTS TO KARL, PS7KM.

PETER 1 ISLAND, 3Y. THIS DXPEDITION IS ON SCHEDULE AND THE FIRST MEMBERS OF THE GROUP SHOULD BE ON THE FALKLANDS NOW. LOOK FOR VP8BZL FOR A FEW DAYS FROM PORT STANLEY. ARRIVAL ON PETER 1 AROUND 1 FEBRUARY, DEPARTURE ON 16 FEBRUARY.

FOR NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN, SEND YOUR BANDPASS AND NOTES OF INTEREST TO JULES, W2JGR AT W2TKU.#SRQ.FL.USA.NA

REMEMBER, DX DON'T SLEEP.
GL DE BOB, WB2CJL AT W5KSI.#NOLA.LA.USA.NA
[via HF PACTOR]

Coming events

1994

February	4th	ANARTS meeting
	12th-13th	EA WW RTTY Contest
March	19th-20th	BARTG WW RTTY Contest
April	16th-17th	SARTG WW AMTOR Contest

FOR DISPOSAL

FREEBIE - (But you collect it)

A SAGEM 2000(TX35DS) PRACTICALLY AS NEW WITH 8 inch DISPLAY
AND FLOPPY DISC ATTACHMENT... MANUALS ARE INCLUDED...

PHONE (02) 451-6314 Bill Storer..

IF NO INTEREST SHOWN IT GOES TO THE TIP IN A WEEK.

Society information

The Society may be contacted at : PO Box 860, Crows Nest 2065
Australia, for such matters as membership and general
enquiries. Enquiries can also be made by packet to the
President (Col) VK2CTD, or the Secretary (Pat) VK2JPA @ VK2RWI.

News items may be sent to Broadcast Officer PO Box 60
Blacktown 2148 Australia, or by packet to VK2JPA @ VK2RWI.

The Internet address for the Broadcast Officer is :
pat1@extro.edu.su.oz.au

The Society welcomes news items on any digital subjects from
anywhere in the broadcast coverage area. We know we reach New
Zealand and many South Pacific islands, and we are looking
forward to news from your areas to let other amateurs know
what you are doing in the hobby. Hope to hear from you.

73s de Pat VK2JPA Broadcast Officer

That concludes ANARTS NEWS 793 23/01/94.

Inserted by VK2BQS Jim, Vice-President ANARTS.

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yeshua.marcam.com!news.kei.com!ddsw1!indep1!clifto@network.ucsd.edu
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References <1994Jan14.005918.1@auvax1.adelphi.edu>, <2h7a43\$89b@crl2.crl.com>, <19940128.22424315.edellers@delphi.com>.kei.

Subject : Re: why 29.94 fps?

In article <19940128.22424315.edellers@delphi.com> edellers@delphi.com (Ed Ellers) writes:

>The sampling rate is almost always 14.31818... MHz, or four times subcarrier;
>older units used eight bits (same as D-2 and D-3), but newer ones use ten-bit
>processing.

While we're on the subject, it's worthy of note that (apparently by FCC fiat):

- * the color subcarrier is 3,579,545 Hz +- 10 Hz
- * the horizontal scan frequency is 2/455 times the chroma subcarrier freq.
- * the vertical scan freq. is 2/525 times the horizontal scan freq.

So, 14,318,180 Hz makes a fine frequency reference for generating sync as well as a neat sampling rate for frame stores.

Don't know if this has been said before, but I haven't seen it (recent news troubles here... meeee, screw up the permissions? Nawwww).

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|   WA9PDM     |          |                               |
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Date: 30 Jan 94 05:13:51 GMT

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To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <741@comix.UUCP>, <2ht0ia\$9r8@unbc.edu>,

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Subject : Re: Ramsey FX Transceivers

In article <2i2bmrINN5hu@abyss.West.Sun.COM> myers@sunspot.West.Sun.COM (Dana Myers) writes:

>In article <2ht0ia\$9r8@unbc.edu> lyndon@unbc.edu (Lyndon Nerenberg) writes:

>>jeffl@comix.UUCP (Jeff Liebermann) writes:

>The UHF kit has no warning that normal component tolerances can render
>the radio deaf; the one I sampled requires 50mV for a useful quieting
>at 446Mhz.

That's not "normal" component tolerances. That's a blown front end.

It was either blown, built wrong, or mismeasured.

>>It's a shame that the Amateur Experimental Service has turned into the
>>Amateur Appliance Service.

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>It is a shame amateurs won't take advantage of readily available
>high-quality surplus to use as a platform for experimentation and spend
>considerable effort defending junk radios that don't even come up to the
>performance standards of a Part 15 cordless telephone. :-)

Ah, this brings back fond memories of the early 1960's. The commercial services were replacing their wide band FM radios with narrow band FM boxes. For a mere pittance, you could have a 60 lb block of sold iron, complete with a Carter Super Motor Dynamotor, Mallory synchronous vibrator power supply, loctal tubes, and persuader microphone. (Ah, nostalgia). With a starter relay to the on-off switch and welding cable to the trunk, one could have a radio far superior to the typical "ham" AM (not FM) radio of the day. "Goonie-birds" (Gonset Communicator I thru IV) were grossly inferior to the average commercial radio. Why would anyone want a non-commercial radio?

Well, there was a sufficient supply of conservative argumentation favouring AM. (Incidentally, I was in Los Angeles during this time). Although I was on the FM side, the only argument that struck home was "What would you do if the ONLY source of radios was commercial surplus"? You're asking a small kit manufacturer to compete on equal ground with used equipment. Since it is almost impossible to produce a finished radio in the uSA that will compete effectively with Japanese imports, now you ask the same manufacturer to compete against USED equipment. If the only place left for an American manufacturer of radio equipment is the kit market, methinks that it is a major miracle that they exist in the first place.

If the quality of the product offends thee, I suggest you offer improvements instead of criticism. Please realize that additions cost money, and that one should only suggest additions that one would be willing to pay for. For example, don't suggest a Heathkit quality manual as this will probably cost \$70 per kit. I'm sure Ramsey would be interested to know what the customers want to see. While I agree that the kits leave considerable room for improvement, I do not consider them to be completely worthless, or non-functional.

I don't have much faith in ham radio as a technical hobby any more. The derogatory term "appliance operator" now applies to most of the licencees. I was recently involved with a local distributor of ham radio accessories. Many customers could

not wire a simple tnc or phone patch to radio connection. The level of expertise in both radios and computers was disappointing. My hat's off to anyone that builds a kit now days. Tis a rare and apparently dying breed.

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